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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
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**UTILITY PATENT**

Inventor:	Lindsay	Attorney Docket No.:	35708.0300
Serial No.:	09/881,591	Group Art Unit:	3629
Filed:	June 14, 2001	Examiner:	J. Hook
TITLE:	HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPOSITE TUBULAR STRUCTURES	Confirmation No.:	6405

**RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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**GROUP 360**

In response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2003, the period for response is hereby extended two (2) months to and including September 3, 2003, please accept this response to the restriction requirement entered pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121 for the above-identified application.

**REMARKS**

The March 12, 2003 Office Action states that the application discloses the following distinct inventions:

- I: Claims 1-12, drawn to a tubular structure, classified in class 138, subclass 153
- II: Claims 13-24, drawn to a method of assembling, classified in class 264, subclass 171.27

The subject Office Action requires Applicant to elect one of the foregoing inventions. In this regard, the following election is made without waiver, estoppel and without prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected invention:

Applicants hereby elect the invention described in Group I. Applicants submit that the foregoing election conforms this application to the Examiner's requirement to elect a single invention.